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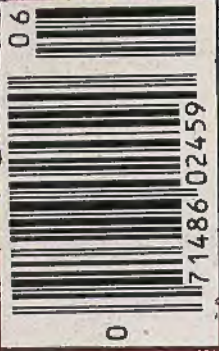


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HYDRA!



STAN LEE PRESENTS: **DAREDEVIL!**

ULTIMATUM!

HEAR ME, MATTHEW MURDOCK. YOU RECOGNIZE MY VOICE?
I AM IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. THIS HYDRA--YOU KNOW THEM?
THEY CAPTURED ME WHILE I WAS DOING A JOB FOR MY
OLD EMPLOYER, S.H.I.E.L.D.*

THEY
WILL SOON
KILL ME.

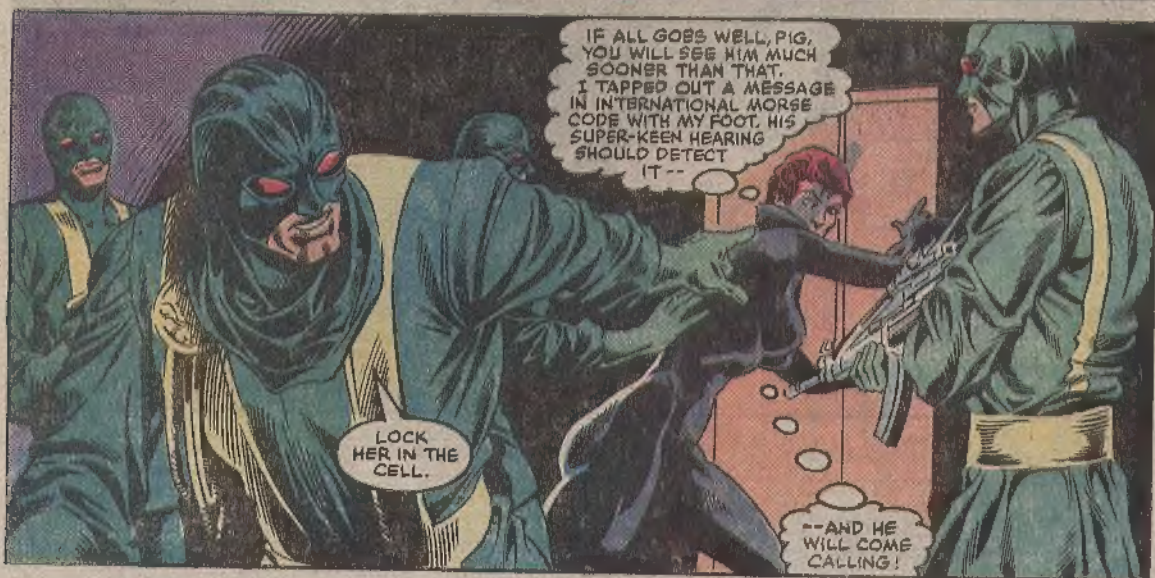
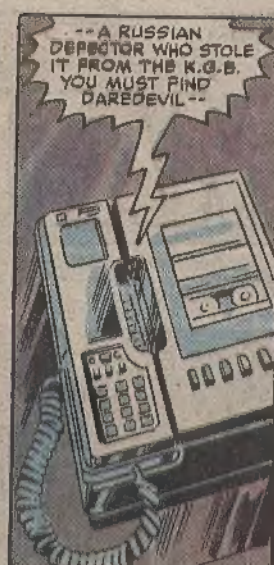
"THE INNOCENT AND
THE BEAUTIFUL HAVE
NO ENEMY BUT TIME."

W.B. YEATS

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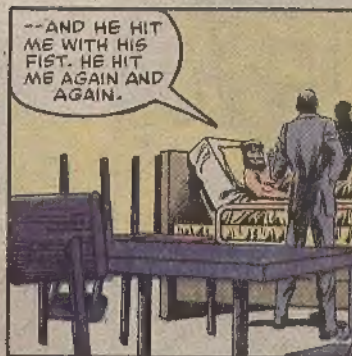
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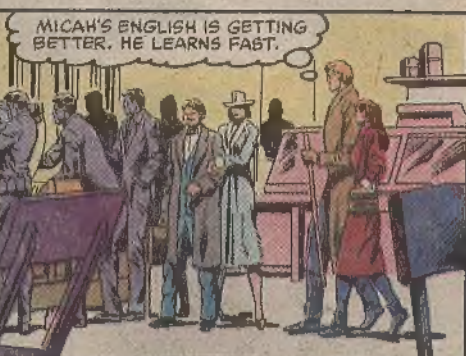




SOON... --BEAT ME TO THE GROUND. I ONLY WANTED TO PLAY--



--AND HE HIT ME WITH HIS FIST. HE HIT ME AGAIN AND AGAIN.



MICAH'S ENGLISH IS GETTING BETTER. HE LEARNS FAST.



I ASKED HIM TO STOP AND HE KEPT HITTING ME. I DO NOT KNOW WHY. I WISH HIM NO HARM. I WANTED TO PLAY.



YEAH, HE LEARNS FAST. A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, HE WAS AN IGNORANT SAVAGE WHO'D NEVER EVEN SEEN A CITY. NOW, HE'S MANIPULATING THE MEDIA.

THOSE'RE LIES, MATTHEW! WHY DON'T YOU SAY SO?



MAYBE THAT'S WHAT MY PARTNER IS ABOUT TO DO.

...A COMMENT FROM MR. SYNN'S ATTORNEY, FRANKLIN NELSON. MR. NELSON?

WELL, UM ...MY CLIENT DIDN'T EXACTLY TELL THE TR--

HUSH, FRANKLIN.



MY HUSBAND HAS NO COMMENT AT THIS TIME.

THAT'S RIGHT. NO COMMENT.



I DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THAT NICE FOGGY NELSON COULD MARRY THAT WITCH!

YOU'RE NOT ALONE IN THAT.

AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY DEBBIE IS SIDING WITH SYNN--

--UNLESS THAT KISS THEY SHARED ACTUALLY **MEANT** SOMETHING TO HER...

DID SOMEONE MENTION DINNER?

SURE. IT'S ONLY A QUARTER TO NINE... WE'VE GOT THE WHOLE NIGHT.

AH, AN' ISN'T **THAT** THE WAY I LIKE TO HEAR A MAN TALK!

MEANWHILE...

IT'S BEEN ALMOST FIVE HOURS SINCE YOUR CALL, WIDOW.

YOU BETTER HOPE YOUR BOYFRIEND IS ON THE JOB.

YOU MAY COUNT ON THAT, PIG.

WHY ARE YOU WRAPPING ME UP LIKE KING TUTANKH-AMEN?

INSURANCE. WE WOULDN'T WANT YOU GETTING **CREATIVE** ON US. IN FACT--

--WE'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING CREATIVE WITH YOU! AND I PROMISE YOU... YOU WON'T LIKE IT-- NOT A BIT.

I WILL COWER IN TERROR... WHEN I HAVE A FREE MOMENT.

AFTER I HAVE FINISHED LAUGHING.

DAREDEVIL SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED BY NOW. I WONDER...

"...DID HE GET MY CALL? DID HE UNDERSTAND THE CODE?"

...EXCHANGE THE
SQUATCH: BLACK
WIDOW. I: ARWAAX:
SEE HIM THEN
: BRPCH:

NO GOOD. I KEEP PLAYING THIS TAPE
HOPING SOME SOUND IN THE BACK-
GROUND WILL GIVE ME A CLUE TO WHERE
THE WIDOW IS. BUT THE CONNECTION IS SO
BAD I CAN BARELY HEAR THE MESSAGE.

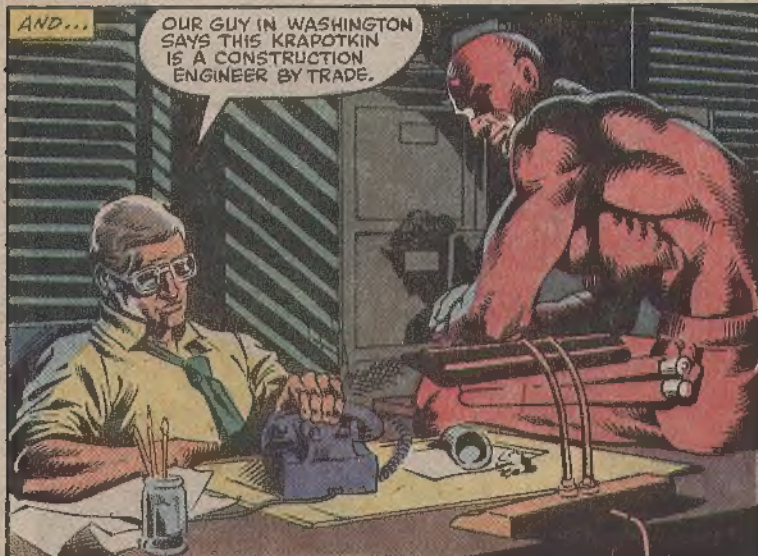
LEAVES ME WITH
ONLY ONE THING
TO DO.

FIND ANTON
KRAPOTKIN.

WITHOUT EFFORT, WITHOUT
THOUGHT, HE FLINGS HIMSELF
INTO THE NIGHT.

HE CANNOT SEE, BUT HIS
OTHER SENSES ARE SO
KEEN THAT HE DOES NOT
NEED TO. AND THEY GIVE
HIM THE SILENT MUSIC
OF THE CITY.

HE DANCES TO IT.



ELSEWHERE...

I NEED INFORMATION -- AND I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO TRADE WISECRACKS--

--OR TO THREATEN YOU--

SLAM

--OR FRIGHTEN YOU--

--OR TRICK YOU.

SO I'LL DO SOMETHING I'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE ...AND I'LL PROBABLY NEVER DO AGAIN. I'LL PAY.

THERE'S NEARLY A THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THIS ENVELOPE--

EVERY CENT IN MATT MURDOCK'S EMERGENCY FUND.

--AND IT BELONGS TO ANYONE WHO TELLS ME ANYTHING ABOUT THE LOCAL CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS THAT'S NOT KOSHER--

--PARTICULARLY ANYTHING FISHY ABOUT HIRING PRACTICES.

THERE'S THIS GUY ONNA EAST SIDE PUTTIN' UP A OFFICE BUILDIN'... RUN OUTTA MONEY. THEY SAY HE'S HIRIN' NON-UNION, CUTTIN' CORNERS...

...OVER THERE ON TWENNY THIRD BY THE RIVER...

TAKE THIS, BUT DON'T SPEND IT YET. BECAUSE IF YOU'RE LYING I'LL WANT IT BACK.

WITH INTEREST.

THAT'S WONDERFUL,
THAT IS REALLY GREAT.

WHAT IS?

DAREDEVIL
COMES IN HERE
...AND NOT A
SINGLE THING
GETS BROKEN.

IVANSON... SON OF
IVAN. IN RUSSIAN,
THAT'D BE IVANOV.
FOGGY AND I DID
SOME LEGAL WORK
FOR A MR. IVANOV
A FEW YEARS BACK
...A RUSSIAN
IMMIGRANT.

IT'S JUST BARELY
POSSIBLE HE KNEW
ANTON KRAPOTKIN
IN THE MOTHER
COUNTRY--!

A SLIM LEAD... THE
SLIMMEST. BUT IT'S
THE ONLY ONE I'VE
GOT--!

SMELL OF A KEROSENE
HEATER COMING FROM
THE EIGHTH FLOOR...
MAYBE A WATCHMAN--
AND MAYBE WORTH
TALKING TO.

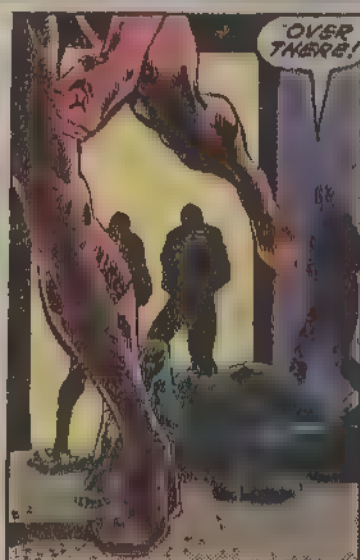
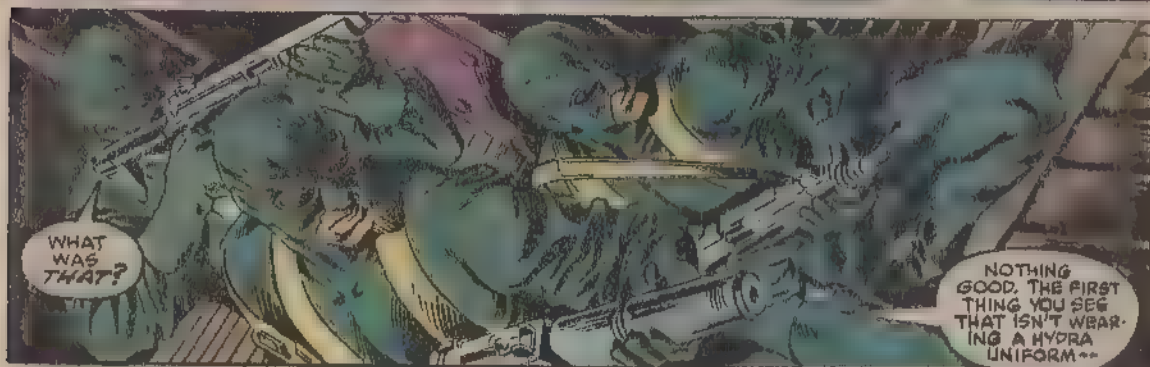
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ALONE.

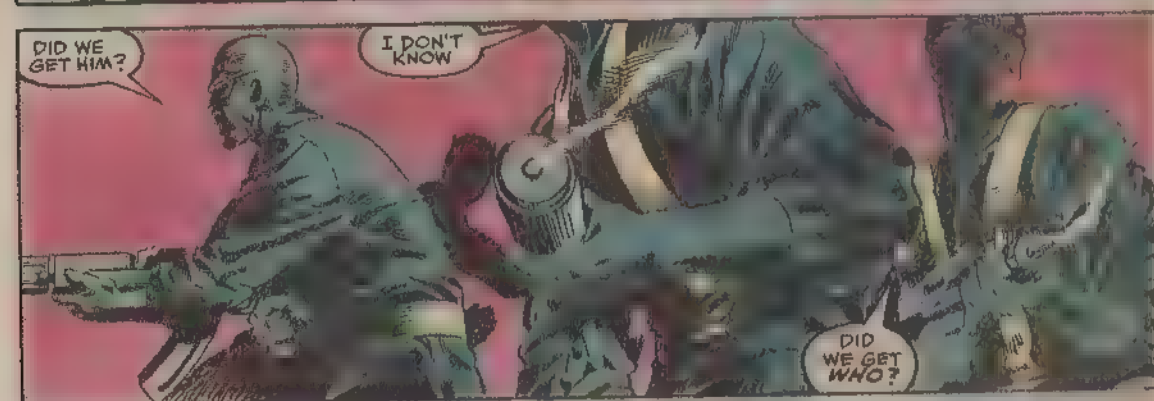
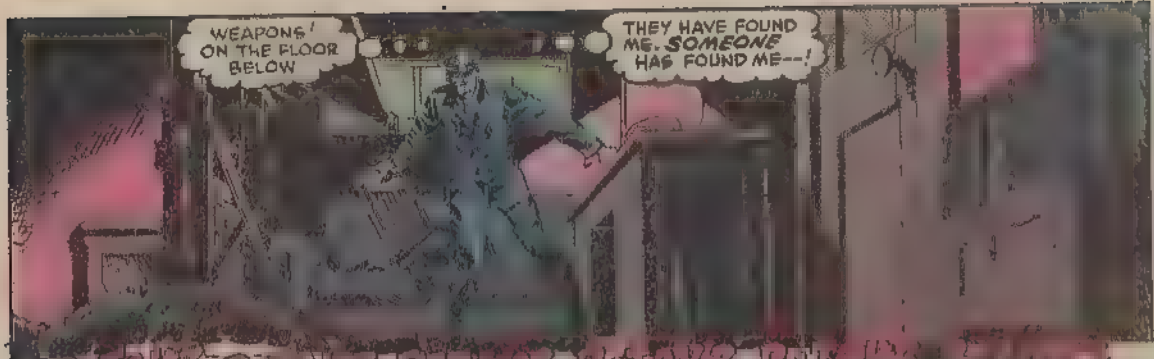
BREATHING/
FOOTSTEPS.
ODORS: GUN OIL/
LEATHER.

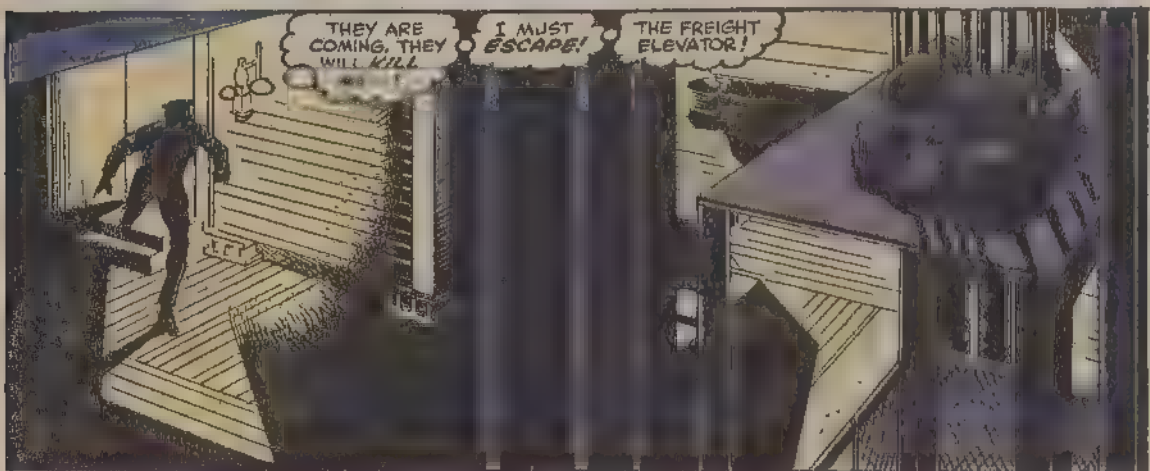
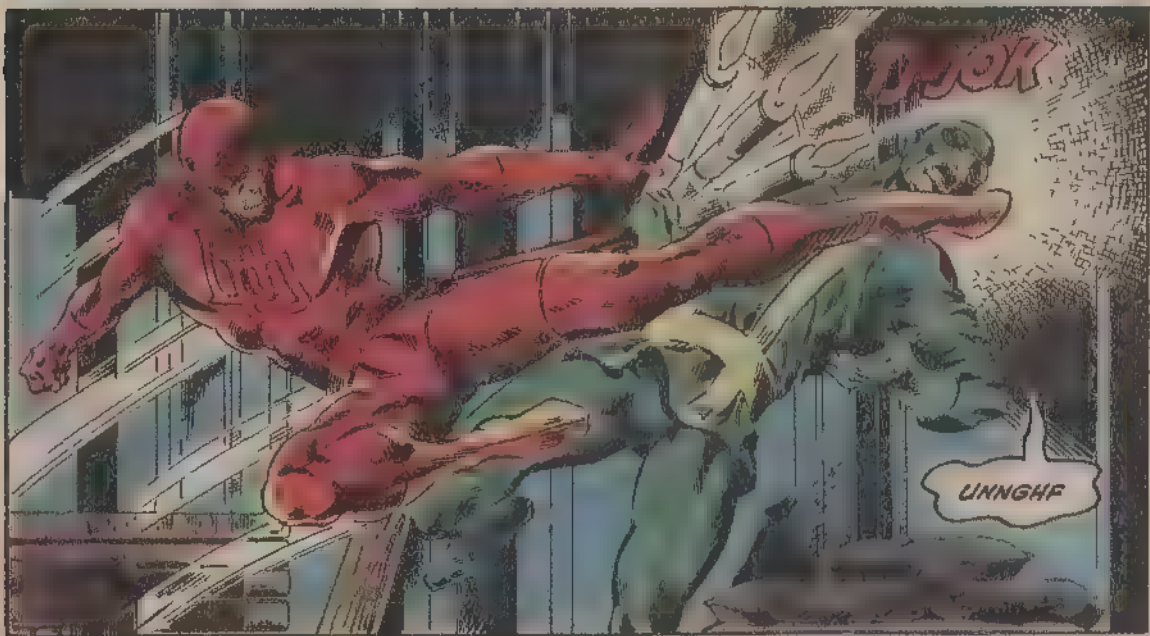
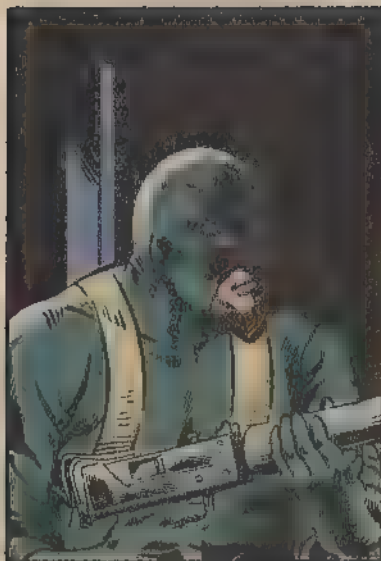
ARMED MEN
SIX OF THEM.
WHISPERING--

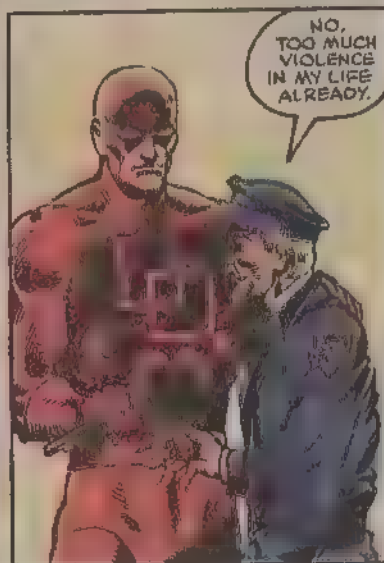
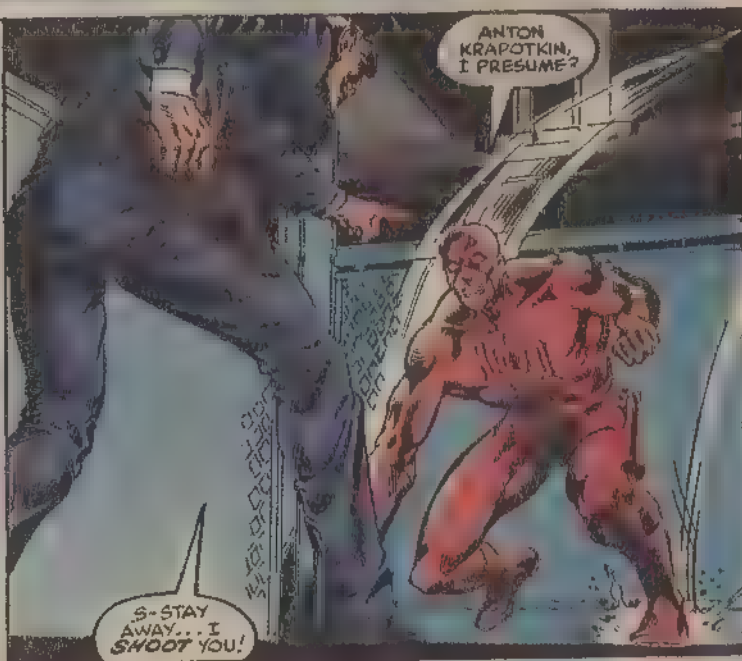
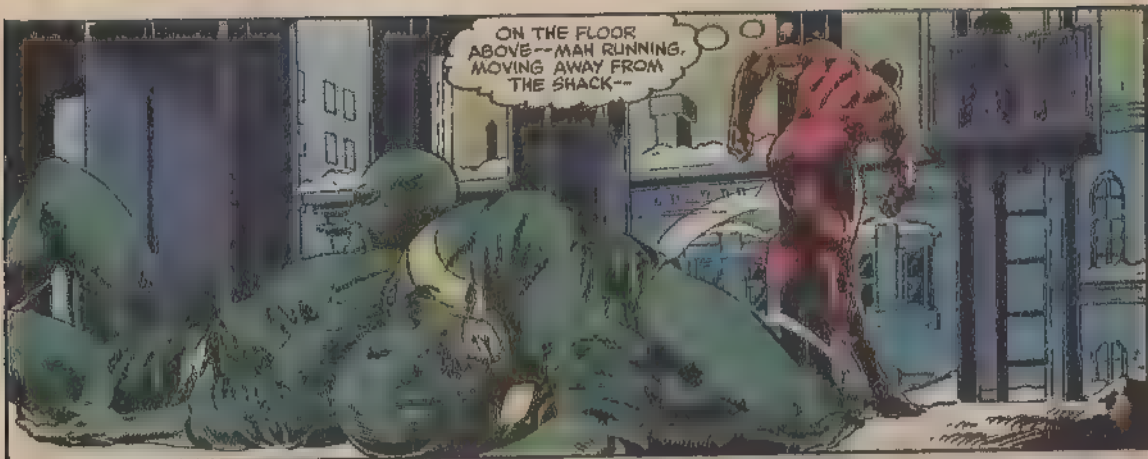
IF OUR
INFORMATION
IS CORRECT,
KRAPOTKIN IS IN
THE WATCHMAN'S
SHACK.

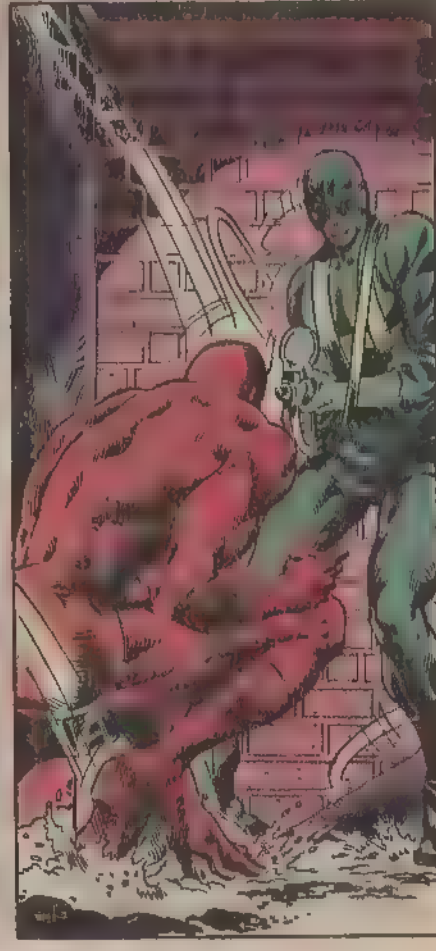
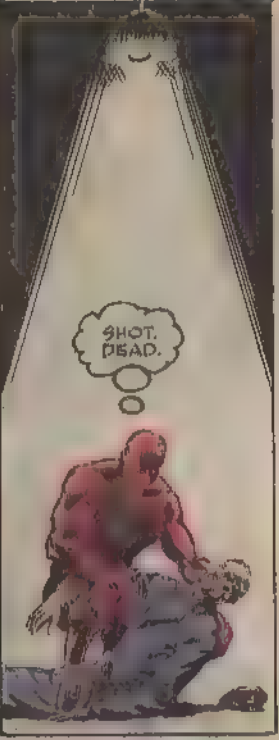
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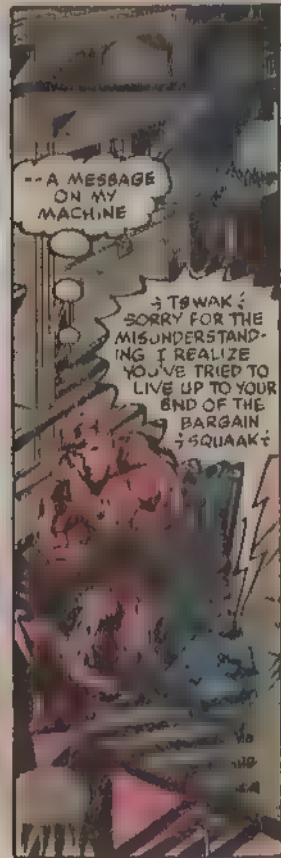
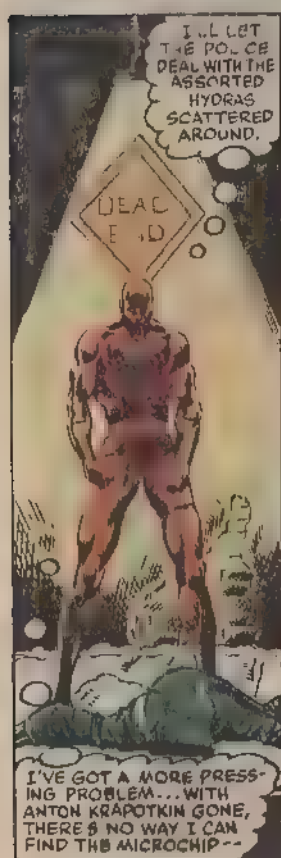
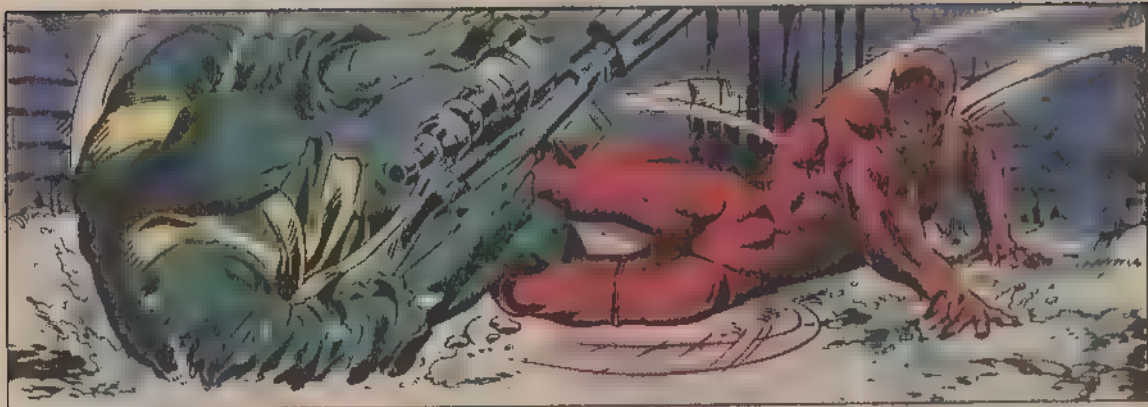




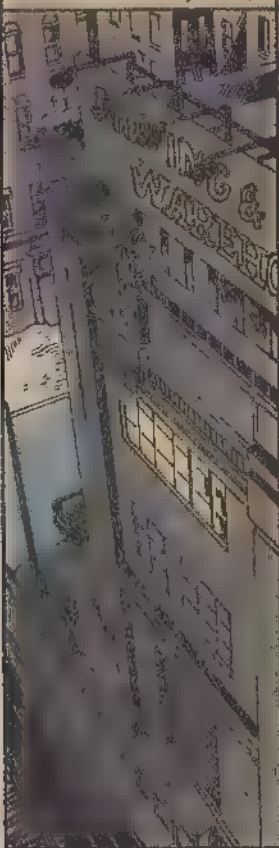








"-- SO YOU CAN PICK UP
THE BLACK WIDOW-- WRAAKE
AT SEVENTH AND WATER
STREETS IN BROOK--PRRKE"



YOU WONDER
WHAT I AM DOING?
KILLING YOU, BLACK
WIDOW...KILLING
YOU AND DARE-
DEVIL.

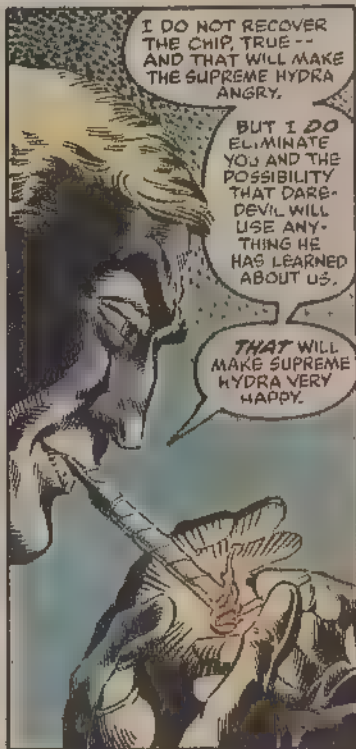
WITHIN THE
HOUR HE WILL
BE ARRIVING
HERE. HE WILL
SEE YOU IN
YOUR PRESENT
POSITION--

OH NO
HE WON'T
--NOT SEE
ME!

-- HE WILL CROSS THE
FLOOR AND HE WILL
STEP ON THIS TILE.
THAT WILL PUT
PRESSURE ON THE
BOMB I AM PLACING
BENEATH IT--



--AND BOOM!
YOU WILL BOTH
GO AWAY
FOREVER.



I DO NOT RECOVER
THE CHIP, TRUE--
AND THAT WILL MAKE
THE SUPREME HYDRA
ANGRY.

BUT I DO
ELIMINATE
YOU AND THE
POSSIBILITY
THAT DARE-
DEVIL WILL
USE ANY-
THING HE
HAS LEARNED
ABOUT US.

THAT WILL
MAKE SUPREME
HYDRA VERY
HAPPY.



BY THE WAY...
WE HAVE NEVER
BEEN FORMALLY
INTRODUCED.
MY NAME IS
GEORGE FISTAL--
EX-WEST POINTER,
EX-SOLDIER OF
FORTUNE--

NOW, THE
MAN WHO
KILLED
THE BLACK
WIDOW AND
DAREDEVIL!
FAREWELL,
LOVELY
LADY.

